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IF contract awarded to PAR Government Systems

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ROME, N.Y. — The Air Force Research Laboratory's Information Directorate has awarded an \$89,995 contract to PAR Government Systems Corp. of Rome.

The six-month agreement, "Anomalous Channel Identification (ACID)" will focus on enhancing network security.

"The research will identify possible methods for establishing nonstandard communication channels among computers and formulate a generic policy for defending networked enterprises against the potential threat posed by such channels,"

said John Feldman, program manager in the directorate's Defensive Information Warfare Branch.

"Work will primarily be performed in the directorate's Next Generation Cyber Security Laboratory, in conjunction with other cyber security research," said Feldman. "AFRL scientists, together with PAR researchers, hope to perform contained tests and experiments to learn more about the behavior of networked traffic under these conditions. This work will contribute to an increased understanding of anomalous — or unexplained — channel traffic within networked computer enterprises." @